

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). An operating panel configuration for an electrical domestic appliance, the operating panel configuration comprising:

a control circuit being a functional unit having at least one component selected from the group consisting of operating elements, control elements, switching elements, and display elements, said control circuit having a circuit front side; and

an operating panel having a single opening formed therein receiving said control circuit, said operating panel having a panel front side adapted to a configuration of said circuit front side of said control circuit such that said circuit front side is either flush with or projects beyond said panel front side, ~~said operating panel not forming a part of nor supporting a part of the electrical circuit of said at least one component.~~

2 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 1, wherein said control circuit is a control module in which all functions which are relevant in terms of control procedures and all operating and display elements including mechanical and optical functional elements are integrated.

3 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 2, further comprising a power switch integrated into said control module.

4 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 2, wherein said circuit front side of said control module is adapted to said panel front side.

5 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 2, wherein said control front side of said control module has a region for information.

6 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 5, wherein said region is provided with at least one of text and symbols.

7 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 5, wherein said region has a display for changing items of information.

8 (original). The operating panel configuration according to claim 1, wherein:

said component is one of a plurality of components forming said control circuit; and

said operating panel does not contain any of said components.